



# UP & DOWN NEWSLETTER

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## TRAIL THREADS

### Lynn Woods: Lynn, MA

With the extremely dry weather throughout New England, the potential for fire in Lynn Woods is still possible, even today. During the month of September, there have been a few brush fires that were extinguished before resulting into a major park fire. If you currently ride in Lynn Woods, you will notice the trails are dry and dusty. We urge all park users to keep their eyes open just in case you spot a fire and report it to the Lynn fire department until we get some substantial rain fall.

Our trail work in Lynn is just about completed for 2007 and with that said, the network is shaping up nicely. Over the past three years, volunteers like you have been busting ass to help us make Lynn Woods a better place for all park users. Lynn's trail system offers something for everyone and is 100% biker friendly. With the cooler weather approaching, this is the perfect time of the year to get out and ride with friends and family.

If you are interested in other Lynn Woods's activities other than mountain biking, we suggest you visit The Friends of Lynn Woods website ([www.flw.org](http://www.flw.org)). The FLW works to maintain Lynn Woods and helps hold events throughout the year. The next upcoming event is Dungeon Rock Day on Saturday October 20th (11am-3pm). This event is a wonderful family event that explains the history/myth of Dungeon Rock. If you're in the neighborhood, stop on by and enjoy the festivities.

### McLean Plan: Belmont, MA

Have you heard of the McLean Plan? If you have not, you need to familiarize yourself with this plan and understand the scope and potential impact on mountain biking in Massachusetts. Even though this plan revolves specifically around land located in Belmont, MA, the decision made by the land managers could have a drastic impact on mountain biking in other open space areas.

The short story of the McLean Plan as proposed by Pressley Associates, (landscape architecture firm) is to limit the current trail system to one single trail for bicyclists after taking into account use of the land in regards to trail length, sight lines, slope and erosion control.

A brief overview of this plan seems harmless to the mountain bike community; but losing trails anywhere is a reduction in our ability to enjoy the recreational sport of mountain biking. The bigger picture with the McLean Plan is the precedent it would set for organizations against mountain biking. Mountain biking has been present at the McLean Property with little to no issue since 2001 (possibly much longer) when the town drew up and official open space recreation plan. NEMBA has been involved with this process since day one. With that said, for a decision to be made now limiting mountain biking access would be an insult to the community.

You as the reader can draw your own conclusion, just remember; once a precedent is set, it opens the door for more baloney and red tape. Below are a few links regarding the McLean Project for your reading.

- [Nemba Action Alert: Belmont McLean Page](#)
- [Boston.com Article: Cyclists Upset by McLean Plan](#)
- [Massland.org: Land Trust Managers](#)
- [McLean/Harvard News Page](#)

### Website Links:

(Click hyperlinks below)

[Dieselbikes Homepage](#)

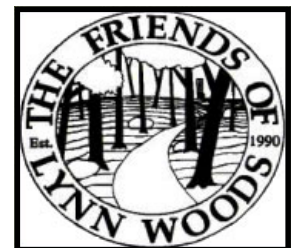
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## Shovels & Picks Report

### Lynn Woods –

The past trail day on September 15 was a trail day to remember. With over 80 volunteer hours spent across two days, we were able to install two separate ladder bridges, rock armor sections of the trail and add a fun little trail feature. Everyone who attended this trail day was highly motivated to complete the job and no one wanted to leave until it was finished. You cannot ask for more than that from your volunteers. We at Dieselbikes want to send out a big thanks to everyone who helped build these bridges.

On a side note, Dieselbikes purchased the lumber for this project weeks in advance, however we were happy to hear that GBNEMBA wanted to participate in this event in some manner. GBNEMBA was involved in a bunch of mountain biking activities during the Lynn Woods trail day, so instead of attending with people, GBNEMBA has graciously decided to pay for all the lumber and hardware required to completed this trail project.



What does this mean for Lynn Woods? Since GBNEMBA paid for the bridge material, we at Dieselbikes will now be able to contribute a monetary donation directly to the Lynn Woods Range Fund. This has been a win-win situation for both organizations and we want to give a big thanks to GBNEMBA.

### 2007 Lynn Trail Maintenance Series:

We still have one (1) more workday left this season for the Lynn Woods 2007 Trail Maintenance Series. Below is our trail calendar for this upcoming project. The last trail day will be big and since it's during the fall, the weather should be much nicer for working outside.

Sunday October 13th: Ballfield Trail Repair: Re-routing and cutting a new trail section on the Ballfield trail near map grid section E5.



## Our First Donated to the Ranger Fund!

In the past, Dieselbikes has been able to purchase supplies required for trail maintenance in Lynn Woods and B&T's. Now 3 years strong, our club has hit another first! We have provided our first ever cash donation of \$500.00 to the Lynn Woods Ranger Fund.

The Ranger Fund is used by park management to help support the park in any means they see necessary. As with many other parks (especially with City Parks), budgets are thin and usually cover only the minimum operational cost. Donations provided by clubs like us, non-profits, corporations and individuals help make Lynn Woods a better place for all to enjoy.

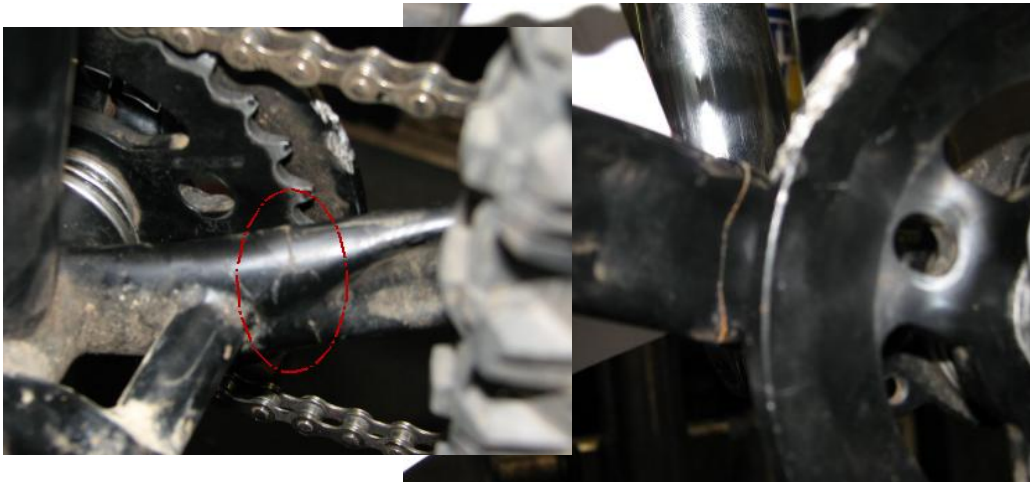
We are happy to be on the list of contributors for Lynn Woods and look forward increasing our support in years to come. Again, thank you to all who have supported our organization.



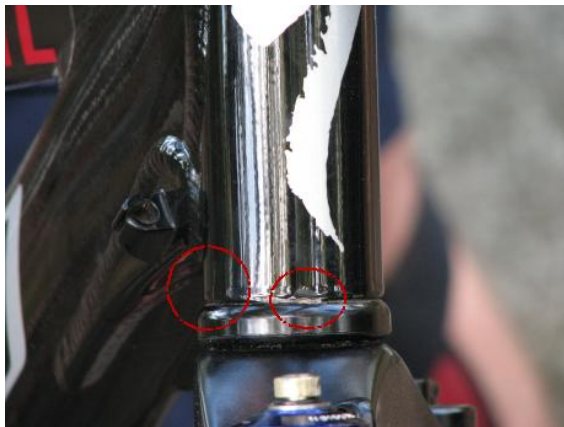
## Breaking News

Another one bits the dust...NO Wait...Two more bit the dust! Within just one week of each other, two hardtail frames fell victim of the harsh trail conditions of Lynn Woods. Or maybe, it was just the way these guys ride.

Paul "Crashpad" busted his frame at some unknown point in time. He did not realize the severity of this damage until the eagle eyes of Adam at JRA cycles noticed his frame was fractured completely through the drive-side chain stay arm of the rear triangle. So much for "4130 Chinese Steel"!



On the other hand, Matt "Abbot Be Mex" cracked the head tube on his hard tail during a Tuesday night ride in Lynn. Pedal-kicking a small gap, we all heard a snapping sound that even made Matt say..."what as that"! At first we thought this noise was just sound resonating through the down tube...of course, the bike is only 3 months old. Upon further inspection, we noticed the head tube had a half-inch crack and was ovalized. Another bike slated for the recycling yard.



The moral of this story; check your frame every time you ride. Weird creaking sounds in many cases are identifiers of imminent frame and/or component failure. You should consider any bike component and/or frame expendable no matter how you use it. Nothing is bulletproof!

Sponsor Shout-outs





## THE BUZZ

### Wheels of Fury “The New Pecking Order”

Film editing had begun and all we can say, this movie is going to be FUNNY. Wheels of Fury “The New Pecking Order” is a departure from our past local movies. This movie is really two movies interlaced with each other and contains a story plot that will make you laugh. Filmed with cheesy cameras and sub-par special effects, this movie will motivate you to ride as well ask; “what were these people smoking to make this movie”?

Take a moment to view the movie trailer available on our website. Wheels of Fury “The New Pecking Order” is schedule for release in November 2007. Pre-order your copy today!

Check out Dieselbikes.com from time to time as we will continually update our website with an exact release dates and whether or not we may have a premier party.



- [View Movie Trailer](#)

### Car Break-Ins On Route 1

Just a heads up to all you mountain bikers who use the Naked Fish parking lot on RT1 North in Lynnfield to ride in Lynn Woods. Apparently there have been a few car break-ins over the past month. I witness (along with others) a bunch of parking spots along the tree line where glass was every. Our own Pete “Slab” and other riders witnessed the results of another break-in during daylight.

This is a problem that has plagued the Naked Fish for many years and the problem comes in waves. Most of the time, these break-ins occur due to people leaving valuables out in the open for these scum bags to steal. We just want to inform the community to keep your valuables out of site in your vehicles and your eyes open to strange individuals roaming the parking lot. The Lynnfield Police are aware of this problem.

### Help Dieselbikes Support Our Local Trails

We are a small group of dedicated mountain bikers who want to make our trails better for all disciplines of trail riding. Whether you cross-county bike, freeride and/or Muni, we believe there is a place for all on our trails. Regardless of our groups dedicated efforts, we can always use the support and volunteer help from the mountain biking community. Whether you purchase our active apparel, local movies and/or donate your time/money to our cause; your help is greatly appreciated.

With that said, we want to say thanks to all who have helped and supported our club this year. From our friends, to our sponsors, to “YOU” the silent majority, we at Dieselbikes thank you and look forward to any continuing support.

Check out Dieselbikes' complete line of [active Mountain Bikers Apparel](#) and help support our trail and sport promotion efforts.





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**Who We Are:**

We are just a group of riders who started this web-site to quietly get into the mountain bike industry. We do not expect anything big from this venture but to have fun doing what we love, RIDE OUR BIKES!!! Over this past year we have seen a huge following for Dieselbikes and plan on turn this hobby into a business to help support and expand New England mountain biking.

**Our Roots:**

The roots of Dieselbikes starts in the City of Lynn better know as the "City of Sin." Over the past years we have added riders to our team whom brings their own unique style of riding and personal-ity. Our local (unofficial) freeride park is none other than Lynn Woods. You will find us riding there 3 ~ 4 times a week during the biking season. Whether working our day and/or night jobs, we all find the time to make that blissful ride of downhill descends, jumps, hucks and friendly camaraderie that is only found when we RIDE OUR BIKES!!!

**Mission:**

Our mission is expand, promote and create a distinct portrait of mountain biking in and around New England. We believe that New England is one of the best places to mountain bike and feel by bringing all mountain bikers together, we will create a VIBE which will help expand this sport!

Whether posting pictures, videos, local trail maps and/or scheduling biking trips, we are starting small and keeping it simple. Someday our secondary goal is to build downhill/freeride bikes and or bike components for anyone who wants bulletproof products tested on FLAT DROPS here in New England.

## Group Rides

Our 2007 group rides will begin on April 15th with our 2nd Annual Lynn Woods Opening Day Ride.

Dieselbikes will begin posting weekday and weekend group rides on our web-site. You can view these dates as they become available at the following link below:

### DIESELBIKES GROUP RIDES

If you would like to be placed on our group rides list, please feel free to contact us at the following e-mail address:

[dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com](mailto:dbgrouprides@dieselbikes.com)

Our group rides have no set pace or rider level. We are just out riding our bikes and having fun. All rider styles and levels are welcome.

